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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

FOR SCOTES FROM UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

1. REUTER JUNE 4 CARRIES FOLLOWING LEAD: "SYRIA AND UNITED STATES WILL REESTABLISH FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BEFORE PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST NEXT WEEK, SYRIAN DEPUTY PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ABDEL-HALIM KHADDAM SAID HERE TODAY." REPORT GOES ON TO SAY THAT CHADDAM SAID THIS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE
2. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE, REQUEST THAT YOU ASCERTAIN WHETHER SYRIANS WOULD PREFER TO MAKE A PROMPT AND OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS OR WHETHER THEY WOULD PREFER TO WAIT FOR THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT IN DAMASCUS ON 16TH. KISSINGER

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